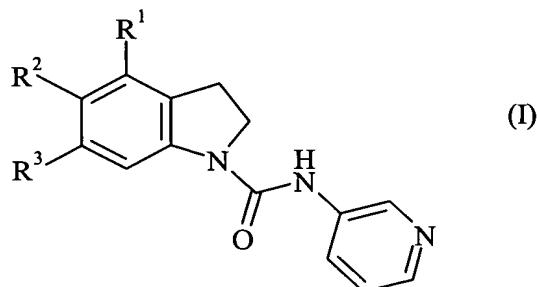




LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-18 (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method for treating an animal or human living body afflicted with depression, ~~impulsive disorders, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, migraine, cognitive disorders, disorders of the libido and sexual dysfunctions, sleep disorders, appetite disorders, bulimia and anorexia~~, comprising the step of administering to the living body an amount of a compound selected from those of formula (I)



wherein :

10 R¹ and R² together form a benzo ring optionally substituted by halogen or by alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino or trifluoromethyl, and R³ represents hydrogen,

or

15 R¹ represents hydrogen, and R² and R³ together form a benzo ring optionally substituted by halogen or by alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino or trifluoromethyl,

its enantiomers, diastereomers, or addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base,

it being understood that :

the term "alkyl" denotes a linear or branched (C₁ - C₆) hydrocarbon chain,

20 the term "alkoxy" denotes a linear or branched (C₁ - C₆) alkyl-oxy group,

which is effective for alleviation of the conditions.

20. (previously presented) A method of claim 19, wherein R^1 and R^2 together form a benzo ring which is unsubstituted or substituted by a group selected from methoxy and cyano.

21. (previously presented) A method of claim 19, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from *N*-(3-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benzo[*e*]indole-3-carboxamide or its addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

22. (previously presented) A method of claim 19, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from 7-methoxy-*N*-(3-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benzo[*e*]indole-3-carboxamide or its addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

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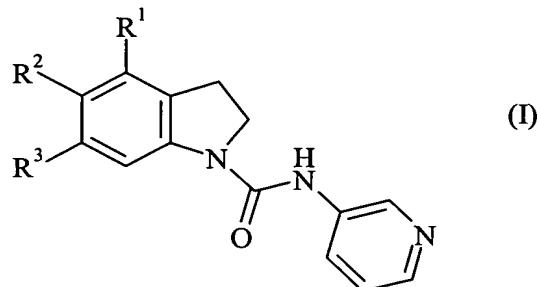
23. (previously presented) A method of claim 19, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from 6-cyano-*N*-(3-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-benzo[*e*]indole-3-carboxamide or its addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

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24. (previously presented) A method of claim 19, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from *N*-(3-pyridyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*f*]indole-1-carboxamide or its addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base.

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25. (new) A method for inhibiting penile erection in an animal or human living body, comprising the step of administering to the living body an amount of a compound selected from those of formula (I)



wherein :

R^1 and R^2 together form a benzo ring optionally substituted by halogen or by alkyl, alkoxy,

cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino or trifluoromethyl, and R³ represents hydrogen,

or

R¹ represents hydrogen, and R² and R³ together form a benzo ring optionally substituted by halogen or by alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino or trifluoromethyl,

5 its enantiomers, diastereomers, or addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base,

it being understood that :

10 the term "alkyl" denotes a linear or branched (C₁ - C₆) hydrocarbon chain,

the term "alkoxy" denotes a linear or branched (C₁ - C₆) alkyl-oxy group,

which is effective for inhibition of penile erection.